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DECLARATION OF ROBERT W. PRAUS II UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.68

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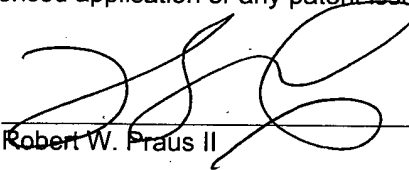
Robert W. Praus II declares as follows:

1. I am an inventor of the subject matter of the above-identified patent application.
2. I conceived the subject matter of the claims of the above-identified patent application prior to July 15, 1999. This is evidenced by the attached pages 3-8 of a Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) proposal submitted by me as President of MZA Associates Corporation, the assignee of the above-identified patent application. The SBIR proposal was thereafter accepted and the proposed work completed.
3. As the abilities of the present invention became clear during the SBIR process, I contacted Peacock, Myers & Adams, P.C., in September 1999 to prepare and file a provisional patent application for the invention. The application was the filed on December 28, 1999, as U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/173,251. I therefore submit that after July 15, 1999, I was diligent in causing a provisional patent application to be filed on the invention.

4. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application or any patent issuing thereon.

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